

*Draft* Environmental Assessment

# Ephesus Baptist Church Property

Temporary Housing Site

Westwego, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

FEMA-1603-DR-LA, FEMA-1607-DR-LA

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**Environmental Assessment  
Emergency Temporary Housing  
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita  
FEMA-1603-DR-LA, FEMA 1607-DR-LA  
Ephesus Baptist Church Emergency Temporary Housing Site  
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**A. Introduction**

Hurricane Katrina, a Category 4 hurricane with a storm surge above normal high-tide levels, moved across the Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama gulf coasts on August 29, 2005. Maximum sustained winds at landfall were estimated at 140 miles per hour. On September 24, 2005 Hurricane Rita made landfall just east of Sabine Pass, Texas, near the Louisiana border. The storm was a Category 3 hurricane with sustained winds in excess of 120 mph.

President Bush declared a major disaster for Louisiana due to damages from Hurricane Katrina, and signed a disaster declaration (FEMA-1603-DR-LA) on August 29, 2005, authorizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide federal assistance in designated areas of Louisiana. A second Presidential disaster declaration in response to damages from Hurricane Rita was declared on September 24, 2005. FEMA proposes to administer this federal disaster assistance per the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act). Section 408 of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA's Individual Assistance Program to provide emergency temporary housing for disaster victims whose homes are uninhabitable.

This Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared in accordance with the national Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1800), and FEMA's regulations implementing NEPA (44 CFR 10.9). The purpose of this EA is to analyze potential impacts of temporary and transient emergency group housing for disaster victims as part of an expedited review process. FEMA will use the findings in this EA to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**B. Purpose and Need:**

Catastrophic damage has resulted in an extraordinary demand for housing assistance. To date in Jefferson Parish, approximately 273,478 registrations for Federal assistance have been received. Of these requests, approximately 16,087 have been received from residents of the City of Westwego and surrounding unincorporated areas. There are approximately 19,397 applications for housing assistance at this time for Jefferson Parish. The specific housing assistance number for Westwego is not available at this time. The purpose of this action is to help satisfy some of the housing demand.

### **C. Environmental Review Process:**

In order to meet the urgent needs of disaster victims in need of temporary housing, FEMA has implemented an expedited environmental review process. The purpose of this document is to assist FEMA in fulfilling its environmental review responsibilities under NEPA and serve as a vehicle to document compliance under other applicable environmental laws. Laws and Executive Orders addressed through this EA include: the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice), and Farmland Protection Policy Act. Expedited agency consultation consisted of establishing a programmatic agreement with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office and an expedited review process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other resource areas or issues evaluated in this EA include noise, visual resources, traffic, socioeconomics, safety and security, and hazardous and toxic waste.

The scope of FEMA's environmental review includes evaluating project alternatives, characterizing the affected environment, identifying potential environmental impacts, and outlining ways to reduce or minimize adverse affects. This EA examines the site-specific environmental impacts associated with building a proposed FEMA group housing park.

This EA was prepared based on a site evaluation conducted on November 18, 2005, document research, and agency information. An electronic version of the Draft EA will be provided to interested agencies prior to and during the public comment period. The public participation period will be brief, as necessitated by the emergency circumstances. Agency coordination and consultation will be deemed complete at the end of the public comment period. FEMA believes that this process will allow for sufficient action analysis and meet the goal of providing timely federal assistance to disaster victims.

### **D. Site Selection and Alternatives Analysis:**

NEPA requires investigation and evaluation of reasonable project alternatives as part of the project environmental review process. Federally assisted housing options, including hotel/rental assistance and locating a travel trailer or mobile home on a private site or in an existing park, are being exhausted first for those requesting housing assistance in Jefferson Parish. Accordingly, a remaining alternative is to build a group housing site where the above options do not satisfy the demand. In order to expedite the site selection process, FEMA's contractors initially review available aerial photos and maps, conduct site reconnaissance field surveys, and contact state and local officials to identify potential sites. Factors considered in choosing a site include: demand for temporary housing in that area, site topography, property owner willingness, cost, past land use, if it is already planned for development, access to existing utilities, engineering feasibility, and environmental/cultural resource sensitivities. FEMA continues to evaluate alternative sites in Jefferson Parish, and other parishes within southeast Louisiana. Although various alternatives have been and continue to be identified, the extraordinary amount of needed housing have

limited this EA to analysis of one suitable site alternative at this time. The Ephesus Baptist Church site was selected for further analysis because it meets specific site selection criteria.

**E. Project Location:**

The proposed site, known as the Ephesus Baptist Church Property, is located adjacent to Ephesus Baptist Church at 831 Wayne Blvd, Westwego, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (Figures 1 and 2). The site is bordered by the West Bank Expressway, Drake Street, and Wayne Street.

**F. Site Description:**

The proposed project site is a vacant field lot approximately 8 acres in size, fronting the north side of the West Bank Expressway, across from the Bayou Segnette State Park, which is located across the West Bank Expressway to the south of the project site (Figure 2). The northern and western sides of the project site are bounded by established subdivisions. The site is bounded on the south side by the West Bank Expressway and the east by recently constructed commercial supply buildings. The site is essentially level and well-drained, and contains some minor residential surface trash located within the smaller (two-acre) mixed hardwood mott that is located near the center of the property tract (Figure 3). Ephesus Baptist Church itself is located in the upper northwestern portion of the property tract. The main site entrance is located on Wayne Avenue to the north of the Church. An emergency exit is also located on Wayne Avenue, to the south of the Church.

**G. Project Description:**

The proposed project description is based on the preliminary site design completed on November 16, 2005 (Shaw 2005) (Figure 4). The proposed action would involve the construction of a travel trailer park (hereafter “the Park”) which would accommodate approximately 160 travel trailers (TTs) based on the following design criteria provided by Shaw:

- Clearing wooded area and removal of residential debris from the back 1/4<sup>th</sup> of property.
- 8’ x 45’ space for each TT.
- 18’ on-center spacing for TTs.
- 25’ wide crushed-aggregate surface access roads.
- 6’ high perimeter safety fencing.
- Connection to the existing water line and below ground extension to each unit.
- Install below ground wastewater collection system and tie into existing sewer line at Westbank Expressway.
- Connections to the existing overhead power lines and extend to each unit below ground.
- The Park would include 24-hour security, and the design plan includes an additional trailer that would be utilized for this purpose.
- The site would be prepared through clearing and partial grading. A low spot on the site would require approximately 2’ of fill.
- The entire site would be covered with a geotextile grade fabric and limestone rock. The American Disability Act (ADA) trailer pads and parking would be placed on a 2” asphalt slab with a 6” limestone base.

At this time, occupancy is not expected to exceed 18 months. When the temporary housing need has ended, FEMA expects that the travel trailers would be transported from the site to suitable locations elsewhere (to be determined on a case-by-case basis). The Park would then be seeded and restored to previous conditions, to the extent practical, and/or used by the landowner in a manner consistent with the parish zoning classification.

## **H. Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences**

Table 1 summarizes the results of the environmental review process. Potential environmental impacts that were found to be negligible are not evaluated further. Resource areas that have the potential for impacts of minor, moderate, or major intensity are further developed in the following Section I. Definitions of the impact intensity are described below:

**Negligible:** The resource area (e.g., geology) would not be affected, or changes would be either non-detectable or if detected, would have effects that would be slight and local. Impacts would be well below regulatory standards, as applicable.

**Minor:** Changes to the resource would be measurable, although the changes would be small and localized. Impacts would be within or below regulatory standards, as applicable. Mitigation measures would reduce any potential adverse effects.

**Moderate:** Changes to the resource would be measurable and have both localized and regional scale impacts. Impacts would be within or below regulatory standards, but historical conditions are being altered on a short-term basis. Mitigation measures would be necessary and the measures would reduce any potential adverse effects.

**Major:** Changes would be readily measurable and would have substantial consequences on a local and regional level. Impacts would exceed regulatory standards. Mitigation measures to offset the adverse effects would be required to reduce impacts, though long-term changes to the resource would be expected.

Table 1. Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences Matrix

Resource Area	Impact Intensity				Impact Summary	Agency Coordination / Permits	Mitigation
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major			
Geology and Soils	X				Potential for localized increase in soil erosion during construction.	LAPDES stormwater construction permit to be obtained by construction contractor.	Implement construction BMPs, install silt fences/straw bales to reduce sedimentation. Area soils would be wetted during construction to minimize wind erosion. If fill is stored on site, the contractor would be required to cover it appropriately.
Hydrology and Floodplains (Executive Order 11988)		X			Project area is located in a 100-year floodplain per the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (Panel 22051 C0020 E, Effective Date: March 23, 1995). Completion of this EA is consistent with FEMA's 8 Step-Planning Process. Per the 8 Step Planning Process there are limited practicable alternatives to siting temporary housing sites in the floodplain in this parish.	Coordination with the parish floodplain administrator to ensure compliance with the NFIP as administered in the local floodplain ordinance including issuance of appropriate permitting. To be coordinated by construction contractor.	This site is located in the floodplain and must accordingly comply with the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program as outlined in 44 CFR Part 60.
Wetlands (Executive Order 11990)	X				Wetlands were observed during site reconnaissance. The USACE has determined that the site contains no jurisdictional wetlands. The wooded area was once a wetland but has been pumped and drained which has effectively removed wetland hydrology. Also See Section I.	Communication with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Office. December 5, 2005.	
Coastal Zone Management	X				Project site is previously disturbed land located within the boundaries of the Coastal Zone. No impacts to the Louisiana Coastal Zone. Project would be compatible with the general consistency authorization agreement.	Communication with Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Coastal Management Division on 9/21/05. Joint Permit not required.	

Resource Area	Impact Intensity				Impact Summary	Agency Coordination / Permits	Mitigation
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Water Quality	X				Potential for localized increase in sedimentation during construction.	LAPDES stormwater construction permits to be obtained by construction contractor.	Contractor to implement requirements of LAPDES stormwater construction permit. Implement construction BMPs, install silt fences/straw bales to reduce sedimentation
Air Quality	X				Parish is in attainment for criteria pollutants per the Clean Air Act. Negligible impact would be anticipated from vehicle exhaust emissions and increased dust during construction.	EPA Regional 6 Designation.	Area soils would be covered and/or wetted during construction to minimize dust. Rock cover for roads and housing pads would be wetted and/or treated periodically with a commercially available product approved for use in residential areas to minimize dust particles.
Vegetation and Wildlife		X			Site is essentially a maintained (mowed) 6-acre grass pasture lot with a two-acre mixed hardwood tree stand that likely provides some resource natural habitat for local fauna (i.e. small mammal and avian species). See Section I.		Once the temporary housing need has ended, the site would be seeded and restored to previous conditions to the extent practical and/or used by the landowner in a manner consistent with local zoning.
Threatened and Endangered Species (Endangered Species Act Section 7)	X				Project affects previously disturbed area within the town of Westwego. Listed species habitat does not occur on this site. See Section I.	USFWS Emergency Consultation Provisions Letter dated September 27, 2005.	
Cultural Resources (National Historic Preservation Act Section 106)	X				FEMA has determined that the project would have no effect on historic properties as per SHPO coordination on 11/30/05. No impact to historic properties or resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places is anticipated.	FEMA has determined no effect 11/30/05.	If unanticipated historic or cultural materials are discovered during construction, all construction activities shall immediately cease within 100 feet of the materials until their cultural affiliation and ultimate disposition are determined in consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office, FEMA Environmental Liaison Officer and other interested parties.

Resource Area	Impact Intensity				Impact Summary	Agency Coordination / Permits	Mitigation
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major			
Socioeconomics		X			With the establishment of the Park, up to about 400 residents would be temporarily relocating to this area of Westwego. (160 units x estimated 2.5 people per unit) It is anticipated most Park residents would be residents of the area currently displaced from their homes. Also see Section I.	In a letter dated November 6, 2005, the Parish approved the Ephesus Baptist Church Site for temporary housing for displaced residents of the Parish of Jefferson.	
Environmental Justice (Executive Order 12898)	X				The proposed action is not expected to pose disproportionately high and adverse public health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations. Also see Section I.		
Noise		X			During the construction period residents immediately adjacent to the project site would experience an increase in noise levels. The vehicles from Park occupants would also increase the level of vehicular noise in the area. Also see Section I.		If necessary, the following noise reduction measures should be considered: (1) restricting the 24-hour schedule to the first two weeks of construction; (2) using a 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. construction schedule; (3) completing construction closest to adjoining residents first; and (4) completing noisier activities during the day if a 24-hour schedule is used.
Safety and Security	X				No concerns anticipated.		The contractor would place safety fencing around the site and the contractor would provide 24-hour security. The contractor would post appropriate signage and fencing to minimize potential adverse public safety concerns. Appropriate signage and barriers should be in place prior to construction activities in order to alert pedestrians and motorists of project activities and traffic pattern changes.

Resource Area	Impact Intensity				Impact Summary	Agency Coordination / Permits	Mitigation
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Hazardous Materials and Toxic Wastes	X				A search of hazardous materials incidence databases was completed on November 21, 2005. No hazardous material concerns were observed at this site. No files or environmental conditions were found at LDEQ on this site.		
Traffic and Transportation		X			Traffic volumes on the surrounding roadway network would increase during Park construction and occupancy. The existing infrastructure would be able to accommodate these increases without impacting local traffic.	In a letter dated November 6, 2005, the Parish approved the Ephesus Baptist Church Site for temporary housing for displaced residents of the Parish of Jefferson.	Contractor would coordinate with the Parish to ensure traffic infrastructure can service the increased traffic volume. The contractor and Parish would implement traffic control measures, as necessary.

## **I. Additional Impact Analysis**

### Wetlands

The USACE has determined that the Ephesus Baptist Church site contains no jurisdictional wetlands (December 5, 2005). The wooded area was once a wetland but has been pumped and drained which has effectively removed wetland hydrology. A Section 404 permit would not be required for the site. However, the site does still contain some small isolated pockets of wetlands. These pockets are non-jurisdictional and appear heavily disturbed and/or may have been created by compaction from very old mechanized activities. Impacts to these isolated pockets would not result in the loss of significant wetland values and functions.

### Vegetation and Wildlife

The project site is essentially a maintained (mowed) 6-acre grass pasture lot with a two-acre mixed hardwood tree stand that undoubtedly provides some resource natural habitat for local fauna (i.e. small mammal and avian species) to the area. The site would be prepared through clearing and partial grading. An approximately 2-acre low spot on the site would require approximately 2' of fill. The entire site would be covered with geotextile grade fabric and limestone rock. Wildlife in the project area would be expected to relocate to nearby areas until the action has ended. When the need for temporary housing has ended, the site would be seeded and restored to previous conditions, to the extent practicable, and/or used by the landowner in a manner consistent with parish zoning classification.

### Socioeconomics

The project site is located in the city of Westwego which, according to the 2000 Census, has 10,763 residents and 4,521 housing units. Approximately 75% of these residents are Caucasian, 20% African American and 5% some other race (based on 2000 Census). The median household income is estimated at about \$27,218 (based on 2000 Census, income in 1999). The primary employment sectors (about 60 percent of all jobs) are sales and office occupations; service occupations; and management, professional, and related occupations. According to the 2000 Census, about 18 percent of families in Westwego are below the poverty level.

The establishment of the Park would temporarily locate about 400 residents in the City of Westwego (160 units x estimated 2.5 people per unit). Many of these potential Park residents are likely to be currently displaced Westwego residents; therefore, the Park is not likely to have a substantial impact on the areas' public and commercial services (i.e. schools, police, medical services, grocery stores).

### Environmental Justice

Executive Order (EO) 12898 requires that each Federal agency identify and address the effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. The function of the EO is to avoid disproportionately high and adverse public health or environmental impacts to the target populations. Further, EO 12898 also tasks Federal

agencies to ensure that public notifications regarding environmental issues are concise, understandable, and readily accessible.

The population within Westwego is comprised of about 20 percent African American and 75 percent Caucasian. Approximately 18 percent of the families are living below the poverty level. In comparison to Jefferson Parish and Louisiana, the Town of Westwego has a higher percentage of families below the poverty level and a lower percentage of African American residents (Table 2) (Census 2000).

Table 2: Minority and Low Income Populations Summary Statistics

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Westwego</b>	<b>Jefferson Parish</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>
Demographics			
Caucasian	75%	70%	64%
African American	20%	23%	33%
Other	5%	6%	3%
Families below poverty	18%	11%	15%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

From the perspective of both prospective Park residents and residents of the adjacent community, the proposed action would not pose disproportionately high and adverse public health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations. The availability of Federal assistance, including temporary housing for displaced individuals, is consistent with EO 12898. All forms of FEMA disaster housing assistance are available to any affected household that meets the conditions of eligibility, demographics are not among the eligibility requirements.

The specific demographics of Park occupants are not available at this time because specific individuals or families are in the process of being identified for this park. However, the demographic makeup of the future Park residents is expected to be similar to the community as a whole. Further, the availability of temporary housing would result in a positive impact to displaced individuals, regardless of whether they are minority and/or low income.

#### Traffic and Transportation.

The proposed site is located on Wayne Blvd and bordered by the West Bank Expressway, a 4-lane divided highway, and Drake Street. Traffic within the general project area would increase due to the ingress and egress of construction equipment. This traffic impact would be short-term and limited to the duration of construction. Traffic volumes would also increase due to the addition of vehicles used by Park residents. The increase in traffic volume would depend on such factors as the number of residents' vehicles and the number of trips per day. The existing roadway network would be able to support this increase.

### Noise

Noise levels within the project area would increase during construction of the project due to construction activities. Construction noise impacts would be short-term and limited to the duration of construction activities. Due to the urgency of the situation, construction would occur on a 24-hour schedule until the Park is completed. If necessary, noise reduction measures would be instituted. These measures could include: restricting the 24-hour construction schedule to the five days of construction, using a 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. construction schedule, completing construction closest to adjoining resident first, and/or completing noisier activities during the day if using a 24-hour schedule.

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## **K. Public Involvement**

A Public Notice will be published in the New Orleans Times-Picayune from December 8 through December 10, 2005. Due to the emergency nature of this action, the public comment period will be brief – December 8 to December 10, 2005. Written comments on the Draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be faxed to FEMA's Joint Field Office in Baton Rouge at (225) 346-5848; and verbal comments will be accepted at (225) 376-5137 and TTY for hearing or speech-impaired at 800-462-7585; between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The Draft EA and FONSI are available for public review at the Westwego Library, Jefferson Parish, 635 Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana 70094 and the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) located at the Westside Shopping Center, 15 West Bank Expressway, Units 14 & 15, Gretna, Louisiana 70053. The DRC hours are 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Saturday. The Draft EA and FONSI are also made available for viewing and download from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs.shtm>. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and FONSI will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the Final documents.

**L. Figures**

Figure 1: Geographic Location

Figure 2: Site Location

Figure 3: Photographs

Figure 4: Site Layout

**Figure 1:**  
**Geographic Location**  
**Ephesus Baptist Church Emergency Temporary Housing Site**  
**Jefferson Parish, Louisiana**



**Figure 2:  
Site Location  
Ephesus Baptist Church Emergency Temporary Housing Site  
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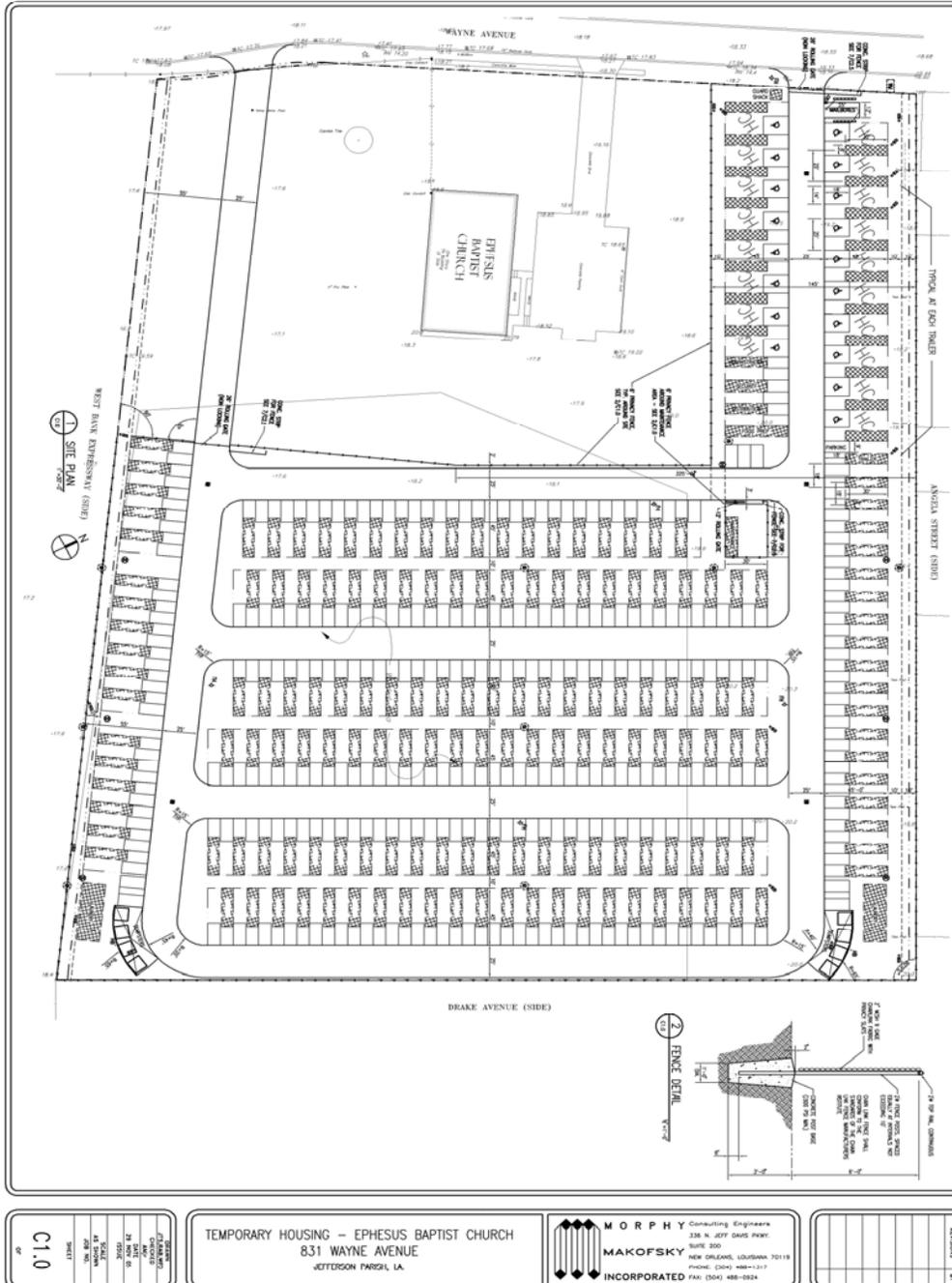


 Ephesus Baptist Church Emergency Temporary Housing Site

**Figure 3:  
Site Topography and Vegetation  
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Jefferson Parish, Louisiana**



**Figure 4:  
Site Layout  
Ephesus Baptist Church Emergency Temporary Housing Site  
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**Appendix 1. Hazardous Materials Database Search**

**InfoMap**  
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**Environmental FirstSearch™ Report**

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# *Environmental FirstSearch*

## *Search Summary Report*

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### FirstSearch Summary

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RCRA TSD	Y	09-22-05	0.50	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
RCRA COR	Y	09-22-05	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RCRA GEN	Y	06-13-05	0.25	0	1	0	-	-	1	2
ERNS	Y	12-31-04	0.15	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
State Sites	Y	NA	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**Requestor Name:** Laurel Rohrer  
**Standard:** ASTM

**Search Type:** COORD  
**Job Number:** 15702452  
**Filtered Report**

**TARGET ADDRESS:** 831 WAYNE BLVD  
 WESTWEGO LA 70094

*Demographics*

<b>Sites:</b> 5	<b>Non-Geocoded:</b> 2	<b>Population:</b> NA
<b>Radon:</b> 0.5 - 0.6 PCI/L		

*Site Location*

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**Environmental FirstSearch  
Site Detail Report**

**TARGET SITE:** 831 WAYNE BLVD  
WESTWEGO LA 70094

**JOB:** 15702452  
JF-67 EPHEBUS BAPTIST

RCRA GENERATOR SITE

**SEARCH ID:** 4

**DIST/DIR:** NON GC

**MAP ID:**

**NAME:** RENTAL SERVICE CORP #668  
**ADDRESS:** 1444 WESTBANK EXPY  
WESTWEGO LA 70094  
JEFFERSON  
**CONTACT:** BOB WHITACRE

**REV:** 9/22/05  
**ID1:** LAD985173079  
**ID2:**  
**STATUS:** VGN  
**PHONE:** 8636072892

**SITE INFORMATION**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** BOB WHITACRE  
E GREENWAY PKWY #200  
SCOTTSDALE AZ 85254

**PHONE:** 8636072892

**UNIVERSE INFORMATION:**

**SNC:** N - NO  
**BOYSNC:** N - NO  
**GPRA PERMIT:** N - NO  
**GPRA POSTCLOSURE:** N - NO  
**GPRA CA:** N - NO  
**GPRA CME:** N - NO  
**PERM PROG:** ----

**SUBJCA NON TSD:** N - NO  
**CA WRKLD:** N - NO  
**GEN STATUS:** CEG - CONDITIONALLY EXEMPT SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS: GENERATES LESS THAN  
100 KG/MONTH OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

**PREM WRKLD:** ----  
**CLOSURE WRKLD:** ----  
**P C WRKLD:** ----  
**SUBJCA:** N - NO  
**SUBJCA TSD 3004:** N - NO

**NAIC INFORMATION**

532412 - CONSTRUCTION, MINING, AND FORESTRY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LEASING

**ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION:**

**VIOLATION INFORMATION:**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE INFORMATION:**

Benzene  
Ignitable waste









***Environmental FirstSearch***  
***Street Name Report for Streets within .25 Mile(s) of Target Property***

**TARGET SITE:** 831 WAYNE BLVD  
WESTWEGO LA 70094

**JOB:** 15702452  
JF-67 EPHESUS BAPTIST

<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Dist/Dir</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Dist/Dir</b>
Alaska St	0.23 NE		
Angela St	0.22 NE		
Cherry St	0.19 NW		
Drake Ave	0.05 SE		
Emile Ave	0.22 NE		
Farman St	0.23 SE		
Laroussini St	0.23 SE		
Louisiana St	0.18 SE		
Ocean St	0.24 NE		
Pine Dr	0.22 NW		
Pleasant Ave	0.25 SE		
Plum St	0.15 NW		
Texas St	0.24 NE		
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Wayne Ave	0.09 NW		
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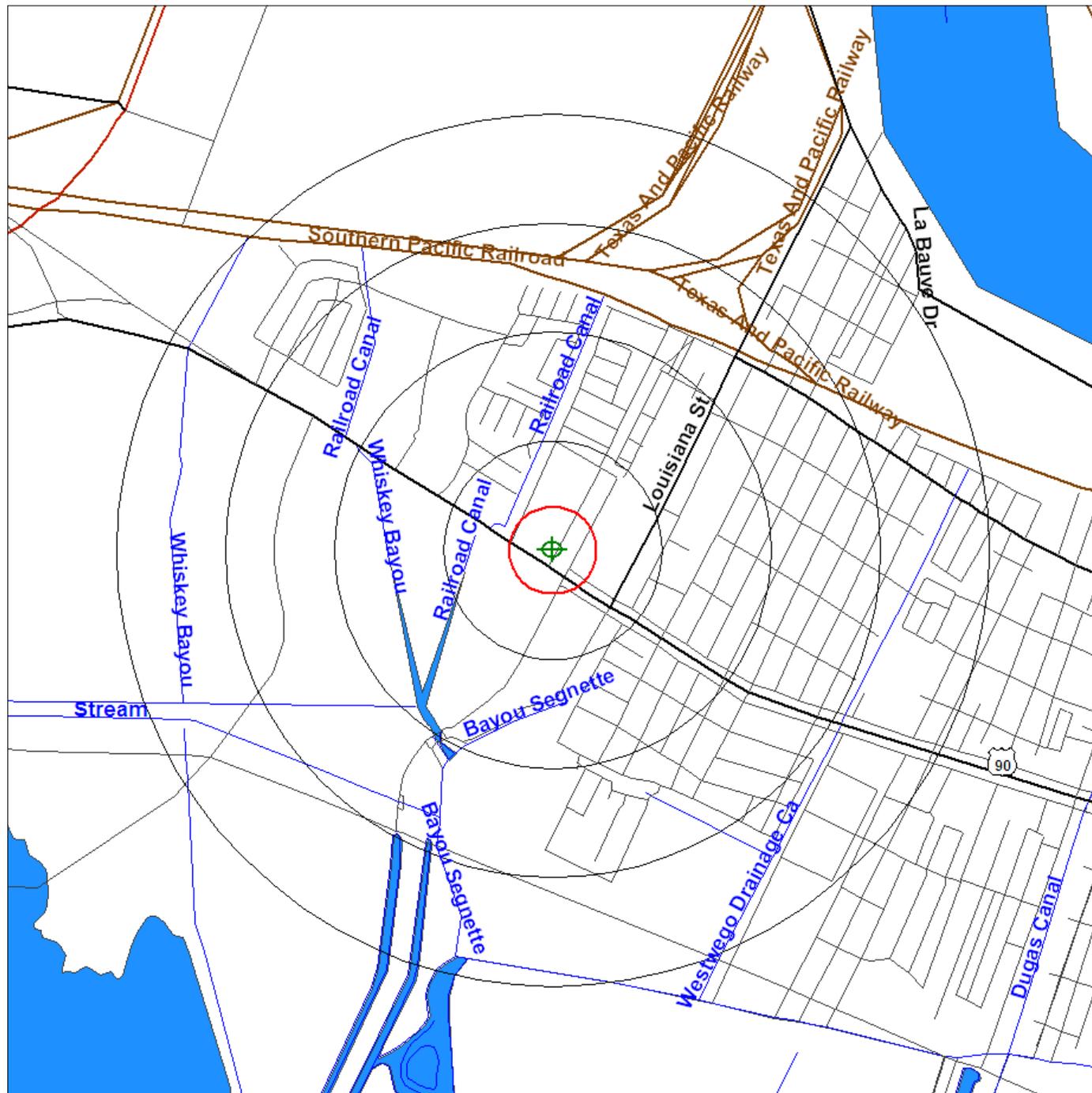


# Environmental FirstSearch

1 Mile Radius  
ASTM Map: NPL, RCORACOR, STATE Sites



**831 WAYNE BLVD, WESTWEGO LA 70094**



Source: 2002 U.S. Census TIGER Files

Target Site (Latitude: 29.904 Longitude: -90.154) .....

Identified Site, Multiple Sites, Receptor .....

NPL, Brownfield, Solid Waste Landfill (SWL) or Hazardous Waste .....

Railroads .....

Black Rings Represent 1/4 Mile Radii; Red Ring Represents 500 ft. Radius



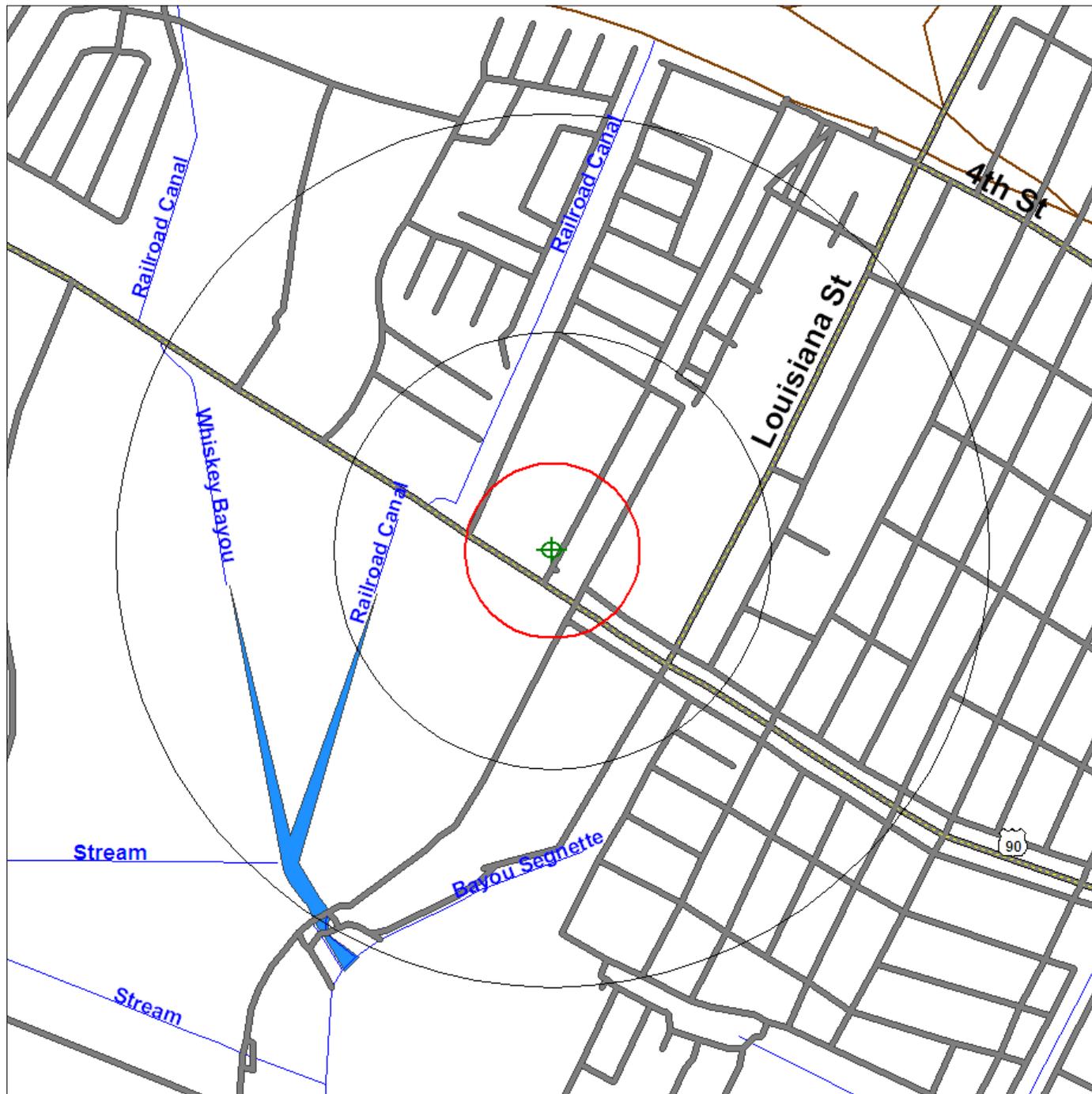


# Environmental FirstSearch

.5 Mile Radius  
ASTM Map: CERCLIS, RCRATSD, LUST, SWL



**831 WAYNE BLVD, WESTWEGO LA 70094**



Source: 2002 U.S. Census TIGER Files

Target Site (Latitude: 29.904 Longitude: -90.154) .....

Identified Site, Multiple Sites, Receptor .....

NPL, Brownfield, Solid Waste Landfill (SWL) or Hazardous Waste .....

Railroads .....

Black Rings Represent 1/4 Mile Radii; Red Ring Represents 500 ft. Radius





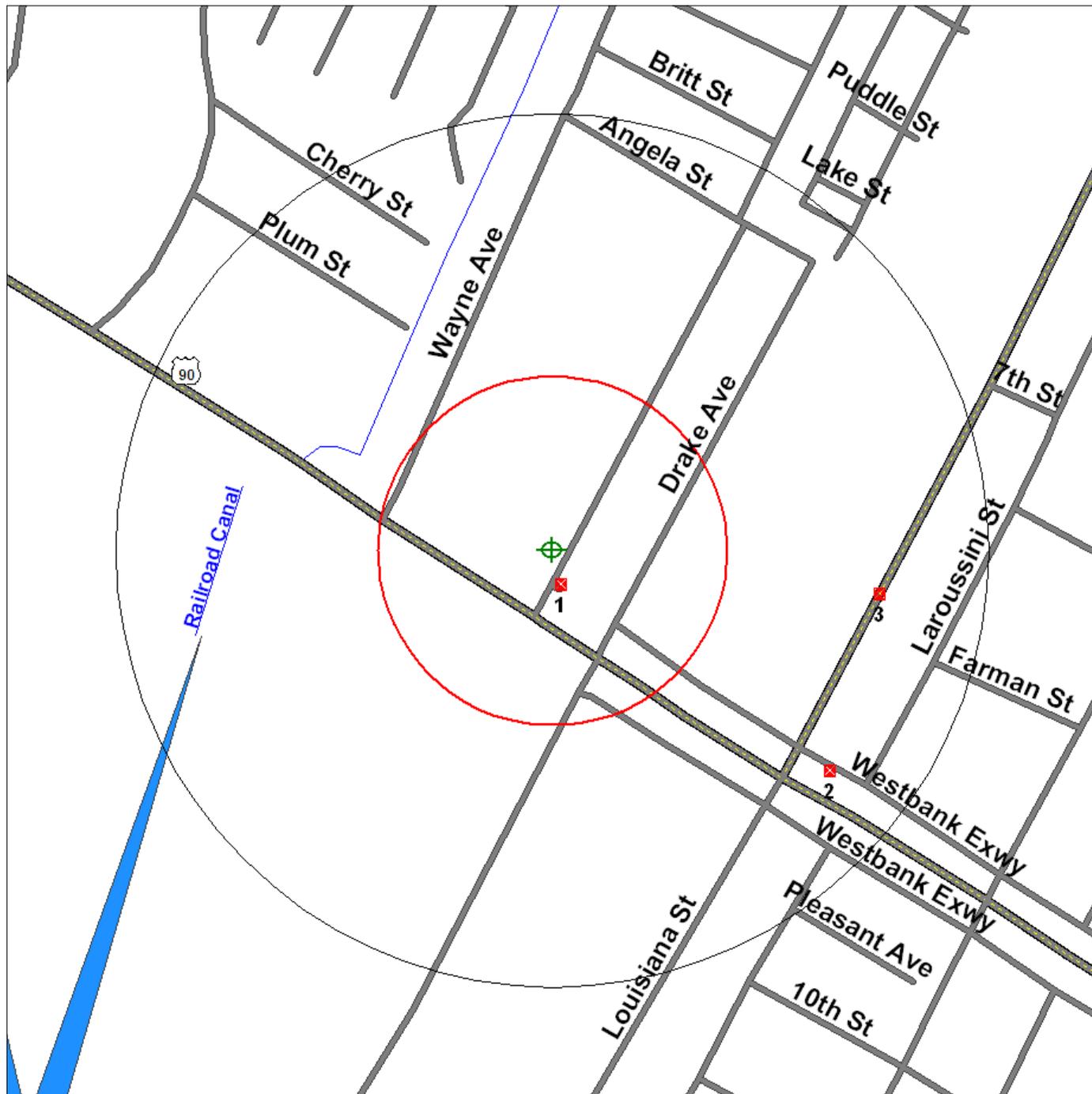
# Environmental FirstSearch

.25 Mile Radius

ASTM Map: RCRA GEN, ERNS, UST



**831 WAYNE BLVD, WESTWEGO LA 70094**



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Target Site (Latitude: 29.904 Longitude: -90.154) .....



Identified Site, Multiple Sites, Receptor .....



NPL, Brownfield, Solid Waste Landfill (SWL) or Hazardous Waste .....



Railroads .....

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**Appendix 2. Finding of No Significant Impact**



**FEMA**

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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
EMERGENCY TEMPORARY HOUSING PROJECT  
EPHESUS BAPTIST CHURCH HOUSING SITE  
JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA  
FEMA-1603-DR-LA, FEMA-1607-DR-LA**

As a result of damages from Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was authorized under two Presidential disaster declarations (FEMA-1603-DR-LA; FEMA-1607-DR-LA) to provide Federal assistance to designated disaster areas in Louisiana. Section 408 of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) Program to provide emergency temporary housing for disaster victims whose homes are uninhabitable. There are insufficient rental units available to house displaced disaster victims. The use of hotel rooms, shelters, or staying with family/friends is only appropriate for a very limited time period. In response to this need, FEMA is proposing to build emergency disaster group housing for residents in Jefferson Parish.

In order to implement its IA Program in a timely and effective manner, FEMA proposed an expedited process to assess the potential environmental impacts of building emergency temporary housing for displaced disaster victims. An Environmental Assessment (EA), dated December 7, 2005 was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and FEMA regulations for NEPA compliance (44 CFR Part 10). The EA's purpose is to analyze and document the proposed alternative's potential environmental impacts, serve as a vehicle to document compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA is hereby incorporated by reference.

The proposed site is located adjacent to Ephesus Baptist Church at 831 Wayne Blvd, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana and covers approximately 8 acres. The site fronts the north side of the West Bank Expressway, across from the Bayou Segnette State Park, in the Town of Westwego. FEMA contractors have been tasked with constructing a new travel trailer park (hereafter "Park") of approximately 160 units on land to be leased by the General Service Administration. At this time, Park occupancy is expected to not exceed 18 months. Activities would include, where necessary, site clearing, grading, road construction, the placement of utilities (electricity, water, and sewer), and the transport and hook-up of travel trailers to the site. The main site entrance would be located on Wayne Avenue to the north of the Church. An emergency exit would also be located on Wayne Avenue, to the south of the Church. Site preparation would include clearing and partial grading. Geotextile grade fabric and gravel would be used for the interior roadways and trailer pads. The American Disability Act (ADA) trailer pads and parking would be placed on a 2" asphalt slab with a 6" limestone base. A 6' high perimeter safety fence would be installed and maintained around the Park. When the temporary housing need has ended, FEMA expects that the trailers would be hauled from the site, to suitable locations elsewhere (to be determined on case-by-case basis). The Park site would then be seeded and restored to previous conditions, to the extent practicable, and/or used by the landowner in a manner consistent with Parish zoning.

FINDINGS

FEMA has made the following determinations from the information contained in the Ephesus Baptist Church Temporary Housing Project EA:

The above described action would not result in any significant adverse impacts related to geology and soils; hydrology and floodplains; wetlands and jurisdictional waters of the U.S.; water quality; air quality; vegetation and wildlife; state and federally listed threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; socioeconomics (including minority and low income populations); safety and security; hazardous materials and toxic wastes; and traffic and transportation. The proposed alternative has been reviewed and, to the best of our knowledge, does not have the potential for significant cumulative effects when combined with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in accordance with 44 CFR Part 10.8 (d)(3)(x).

The following summarizes much of what is outlined in the mitigation column of Table 1 of the EA and are the conditions that must be met as part of implementing this proposed action alternative:

1. Use of best management practices (e.g., installation of silt fences and straw bales) would be required to reduce soil erosion and sedimentation. If fill is stored on site, the contractor is required to appropriately cover it to prevent erosion.
2. Construction contractor would be required to apply for and obtain all applicable stormwater construction permits, including a LAPDES permit or waiver from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
3. Construction contractor would be required to apply for and obtain a floodplain development permit.
4. Area soils would be covered and/or wetted during construction to minimize dust.
5. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, if unanticipated historic or cultural materials are discovered during construction, all construction activities shall immediately cease within 100 feet of the materials until their cultural affiliation and ultimate disposition are determined in consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office, FEMA Environmental Liaison Officer and other interested parties.
6. If necessary, the following noise reduction measures should be considered: (1) restricting the 24-hour schedule to the first two weeks of construction; (2) using a 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. construction schedule; (3) completing construction closest to adjoining residents first; and (4) completing noisier activities during the day if a 24-hour schedule is used.
7. If any hazardous materials are found during construction or Park occupation, all hazardous materials shall be remediated, abated, or disposed of as appropriate, and otherwise handled in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
8. The contractor would place safety fencing around the site and provide for 24-hour security services at the Park.
9. Contractor would coordinate with Parish Public Works Director to ensure traffic infrastructure can service the increased traffic volume. The contractor and Parish would implement traffic control measures, as necessary.
10. The contractor would post appropriate signage and fencing to minimize potential adverse public safety concerns. Appropriate signage and barriers should be in place prior to construction activities in order to alert pedestrians and motorists of project activities and traffic pattern changes.
11. Once the temporary housing need has ended, the site would be seeded and restored to previous conditions to the extent practical and/or used by the landowner in a manner consistent with local zoning.

CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the incorporated EA, and in accordance with Presidential Executive Orders 12898 (Environmental Justice), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 11990 (Wetland Protection), FEMA has determined that the proposed action implemented with the conditions and mitigation measures outlined above and in the EA would not have any significant adverse effects on the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared (44 CFR Part 10.8) and the proposed action alternative as described in the EA may proceed.

APPROVAL:

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Donald Fairley, REM  
Environmental Liaison Officer  
FEMA- DR-LA 1603/1607

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Housing Officer  
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FEMA- DR-LA 1603/1607

Date

CONCUR:

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Scott Armey  
Regional Administrator  
General Services Administration

Date